

SOLICITATION DE-PS07-00ID13951
Alternate Fuel Vehicle User Infrastructure

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AGENCY: Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office.

ACTION: Solicitation for Financial Assistance: DE-PS07-00ID13951, Alternate Fuel Vehicle User Infrastructure.

SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office is seeking applications from interested parties to develop and deploy cost-shared alternative fuel infrastructure projects in any of the six Federal Alternate Fuel Vehicle (AFV) USER Program Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA's) (cities). The six MSA's are San Francisco, CA, Denver, CO, Albuquerque, NM, Minneapolis, MN, Salt Lake City, UT, and Melbourne-Titusville, FL. The proposing teams must have the ability to deploy alternative fuel infrastructure projects, in one or more, of the six MSAs, primarily for the use of alternate fuel vehicles in federal fleets; and secondly for state and local government fleets, commercial fleets, and alternative fuel vehicles owned and operated by the public. These projects will aid in the removal of the "infrastructure availability" barrier to alternative fuel use, thereby supporting the marketability of alternative fuel vehicles. Projects that are already built do not qualify for this grant.

Approximately \$300,000 of federal funding is expected to be available for the first year of an anticipated two-year program. Based on this funding expectation, DOE anticipates awarding from one to six, financial assistance grants in accordance with DOE Financial Assistance Regulations of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter II, Subchapter H, Part 600 (hereafter called 10 CFR 600). No single grant recipient will receive more than \$100,000.

COST SHARE

Fifty per cent (50%) minimum non-federal cost-share is required for these projects. This solicitation is requiring 50% non-federal cost share. There will be no waivers of this cost share requirement. **The alternative fuel infrastructure projects will be cost shared (50% minimum) with DOE and the recipient. The resulting reports and generated data will be made public. Cost sharing can be in the form of cash, labor, or verifiable "in-kind." Cost share may not be other federal funding. Reference 10 CFR 600.123 and 10 CFR 600.127. No fee or profit will be paid to grant award recipients.** DOE cost share shall not be proposed for funding real property or items of equipment.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

For-profit and not-for-profit organizations, state and local governments, Indian tribes and institutions of higher learning may submit applications in response to this solicitation. Multi-partner collaborations between electric utility, natural gas utility and National Laboratory and/or Federal Agency participants are encouraged. Energy providers must be included, either as primary applicants or as cost sharing partners. Fee or profit will not be paid to an award recipient.

Federal Agencies and/or National laboratories will not be eligible for an award under this solicitation, except as a partner with another, eligible primary applicant. However, an application that includes performance of a portion of the work by a Federal Agency and/or National Laboratory may be considered more favorably for award provided the federal fleets are in the Federal AFV USER Program locations. Also the applicant must clearly identify the unique capabilities, facilities and/or expertise the Laboratory and/or Agency offers the primary applicant. National Laboratories will receive their funding through their existing arrangements

with the Government via Field Work Proposals (FWP). Applicants may also team with federal agencies and/or DOE National Laboratories to take advantage of their expertise.

As a minimum each applicant's team must include an energy provider (i.e., electric utility, natural gas utility, or other) as a participant.

The proposed project must be one that is not already built which provides an alternative fuel listed in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-486) section 301. See the web page identified under the section at the end of this document for a link.

Applicants must have existing project management and control systems in place.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The statutory authority for this program is Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-486 as amended by Public Law 103-437 on November 2, 1994).

CFDA NUMBER

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 81.086.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONTACT:

There are no briefings or required pre-submission reviews and clearances planned for this solicitation. Questions shall be submitted to Ms. Connie Osborne, contract specialist, by facsimile at 208-526-5548 or e-mail: osbornch@id.doe.gov, not later than **July 13, 2000**.

Questions and answers to the questions will be posted to the DOE-ID PSD Current Solicitations Website by **July 21, 2000** as an amendment to this solicitation. The contracting officer for this solicitation is Dallas Hoffer.

APPLICATIONS

The application face sheet is the Standard Form (SF) 424 and is available at this site. The application is to be prepared for the complete project period.

Technical applications may be a **maximum of 40 pages** excluding the required SF 424 form.

See Section I through Section V of this solicitation for technical requirements. Section VI identified the types of supporting documentation that will be required from applicants whose technical proposals are selected for negotiation and award. Applicants are not required to submit Section VI information unless they are notified by DOE to do so.

Applications must be submitted on standard 8-1/2" x 11" letter size paper. Margins on all four sides must not be smaller than 1"; font size must not be smaller than 11 point Arial or equivalent. The front and backsides of a single sheet are counted as 2 pages.

APPLICATION DUE DATES

The Standard Form 424, and the technical application (**40 page maximum**), must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. MST on **Thursday August 24, 2000**. The Standard Form 424 and the technical application must be prepared in one volume and must be submitted as one original (original signature) and three copies, for a total of 4 sets of the proposal. Each proposal set shall be marked as "Original," "Copy1," etc. **Any application received after the due date will not be forwarded for merit review.**

The application supplemental documentation, discussed in Section VI of this solicitation, must be submitted within **30 calendar days after selection notification**. Selections are expected to be made on or about sixty (60) days of the deadline for receipt of applications. Applicants who fail to cooperate fully and in a timely manner during negotiations may be eliminated from further consideration for awards.

SUBMITTAL ADDRESS

Applications must be submitted to:

Procurement Services Division
U.S. DOE, Idaho Operations Office
Attention: Connie Osborne [DE-PS07-00ID13951]
850 Energy Drive, MS-1221
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1563

Caution: Applicants assume full responsibility for ensuring that the application is received at the specified place by the specified time and date and with the specified number of copies. Procurement Services Division personnel are not responsible for reproducing copies. Procurement Services Division Personnel will not pick up packages delivered to the local airport. Neither email nor facsimile (fax) applications will be accepted.

PROJECTED SOLICITATION MILESTONES

Applications will be evaluated immediately after the technical application due date deadline. Any applications received after applications are forwarded for merit review will not be evaluated. Merit review and selection activities are expected to be complete approximately two months after the technical application deadline. Award activities are expected to be complete approximately four months after selection. This time frame includes time for submission by selected applicants of the non-technical, application supplemental documentation. Incomplete or inadequately supported applications will delay or negate awards. Unsuccessful applications will not be returned.

Section I: Supplementary Information

A. Background

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Idaho Operations Office is seeking applications from interested parties to develop and deploy cost-shared alternative fuel infrastructure projects in any of the six Federal Alternate Fuel Vehicle (AFV) USER Program MSA's (cities). The six MSA's are San Francisco, CA, Denver, CO, Albuquerque, NM, Minneapolis, MN, Salt Lake City, UT, and Melbourne-Titusville, FL. The proposing teams must have the ability to deploy alternative fuel infrastructure projects in one or more of the six MSAs, primarily for the use of alternate fuel vehicles in federal fleets. Secondly for state and local government fleets, commercial fleets, and alternative fuel vehicles owned and operated by the public. These projects will aid in the removal of the "infrastructure availability" barrier to alternative fuel use, thereby supporting the marketability of alternative fuel vehicles. Projects that are already built do not qualify for this grant.

B. Project Description

Under the DOE Office of Transportation Technologies, the Federal AFV USER Program is established to support the expansion of alternative fuel infrastructure by concentrating

large quantities of Federal alternative fuel vehicles and substantially increasing the use of alternative fuels in Federal AFVs in six selected cities. The objective of this solicitation is to support the Federal AFV USER Program through the award of grants for alternative fuel infrastructure projects.

The objectives of this solicitation are:

- The selection of one or more, up to six, cost-shared (50% minimum) alternative fuel infrastructure projects in Federal AFV USER Program locations.
- To complete projects that increase the alternative fueling infrastructure availability for federal fleets, state and local government fleets, commercial fleets, and alternative fuel vehicles owned and operated by the public.
- To document project reports of successfully developed and deployed alternative fuel infrastructure projects for each of the projects.
- To increase experience developing alternative fuel infrastructure projects.

Section II: Technical Application Requirements

Each application must contain the following information:

1. Management and Business Plan—Provide management and business plans that describe how the applicant team functions to accomplish the proposed project and how the alternative fuel infrastructure is proposed to be managed for the benefit of the Federal fleet. Include the following items as well as any other information that is needed to support the proposal:
 - The composition and organization of the applicant team and how project responsibilities are divided amongst the team.
 - Describe the applicant team's experience related to alternative fuel infrastructure development. Identify examples of alternative fuel infrastructure projects the team members have completed in the last three years, highlighting projects completed on a fixed time schedule.
 - Describe the project management system that will be applied to the proposed project.
 - Include the business plan describing how the alternative fuel infrastructure would be owned, managed and operated upon installation.
 1. Identify the fuel provider and include a letter of commitment from the fuel provider.
 2. Provide a listing of federal and other fleets the infrastructure is proposed to serve and the proposed fuel-pricing basis.
 3. Describe how fuel billing and accounting would be conducted.
 - Include a 10 year cash flow analysis, including capital costs, operating costs (labor, wholesale fuel, energy - electricity, maintenance), incentives, tax credits, and income from the sale of fuel. This should include an estimation of the number of vehicles that the station will service.
2. Project Plan –Provide a project plan that describes the proposed alternative fuel infrastructure project and details how the team will accomplish the proposed

project. Include the following background items as well as any other information that is needed to support the proposal:

- Project management personnel and their experience—Include names, resumes, and field experience for the technical project manager and team members.
 - Identify the specific proposed alternative fuel infrastructure systems, and siting location(s).
 1. Include details on the infrastructure fueling capacity (i.e., volume of fuel dispensed, vehicles refueled per unit of time), testing and maintenance requirements, operator and user training requirements, and permitting requirements.
 2. Siting information such as maps and/or photographs can be included.
 3. Identify the distance between the infrastructure and all fleet locations.
 - Provide the project schedule and milestones. The milestones should tie to the payments of the project funding.
3. Costs –Provide a complete cost breakdown for the project. Cost breakdowns shall include categories and amounts of labor, indirect costs, materials, equipment, construction, travel and computer time. For detail on specific information needed with the cost proposal, see the following section “Cost Application.”
4. Other –Include the name, address, telephone numbers, fax numbers, type of business entity, and principal point of contact for each organization in each team submitting an application. Applications must disclose the nature of any business affiliations and business alliances between partners in any proposed teaming arrangements. The Parent Corporation of each team member should be clearly identified in the application.

Section III: Application Evaluation

A. Merit Reviews

All applications will be evaluated under the procedures for “Objective Merit Review of Discretionary Financial Assistance Applications,” which was published in the Federal Register on May 19, 1998 (Vol. 63, No. 96).

Applications will be rated by the merit review committee and applicants may be contacted by the merit review committee (on an all or none basis) for clarifications before the committee makes their final recommendations to the Selection Official. Clarifications may be done in person, by videoconference or teleconference.

B. Selection Criteria

Only those applications that meet all of the requirements of this solicitation will be considered for selection. Selections will be made in accordance with the following selection criteria and programmatic considerations. All applications will be evaluated and point-scored in accordance with the following criteria. The applications must be fully responsive to each of the criteria. The criteria used are heavily weighed to select awardees that demonstrate significant benefit to the Federal Fleet Alternative Fuel Vehicle Programs.

Criterion 1 (30 points): Suitability of Alternative Fuel Infrastructure – The proposed type of alternative fuel and proposed infrastructure equipment will be evaluated. The type of alternative fuel proposed, and it's potential use by the Federal fleets in the Federal USER Program locations, is a critical evaluation factor in this area. The recognized reliability and value of the proposed infrastructure equipment will be considered in the evaluation.

Criterion 2 (20 points): Level of Project Detail Provided – The level of project detail in the application will be evaluated to determine if the applicant team would be able to complete the project successfully, without significant unknowns impacting deployment and operation of the infrastructure equipment. In addition, the detail provided on plans for ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure will be evaluated to judge the likelihood of the project continuing to provide value to alternative fuel vehicle fleets.

Criterion 3 (20 points): Experience of Team –The applicant team's experience in providing and deploying alternative fuel infrastructure during the past three years will be evaluated. The applicant teams proposed project manager's experience with projects completed on a fixed time schedule would be evaluated

Criterion 4 (30 points): Costs –Factors to be considered include the reasonableness and realism of the costs proposed, including labor, indirect costs, materials, equipment, construction, travel and computer time. The amount of cost share (50% minimum for the life of the program) to which each team commits will also be evaluated.

C. Weighting of Criteria

The criteria will be based on a maximum of 100 points. The evaluation criteria are weighted as indicated above.

D. Programmatic Selection Considerations

In conjunction with the evaluation results and rankings of individual applications, the Government will make selections for negotiations and planned awards from among the highest-ranking applications, using the following programmatic considerations.

1. The proposed infrastructure project provides the type(s) of alternative fuel(s) needed by the Federal Fleets in the area.
2. As a minimum each applicant's team must include an energy provider (i.e., electric utility, natural gas utility, or other) as a participant.
3. The proposed project must be one that is not already built that provides an alternative fuel listed in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-486) section 301.
4. Applicants must have existing project management and control systems in place.
5. All applicants will be notified in writing of the action taken on their applications in approximately 60 days after the closing date for this solicitation, provided no follow-

up clarifications are needed. Status of any application during the evaluation and selection process will not be discussed with the applicants.

6. An award will not be made to an applicant whose proposal requires DOE funding in an amount that exceeds the DOE funding available.

Section IV: General Conditions

A. Non-governmental Reviewers

In conducting this evaluation, the Government may utilize assistance and advice from non-Government personnel. Applicants are therefore requested to state, on the cover sheet of the applications, if they do not consent to an evaluation by such non-Government personnel. The applicants are further advised that DOE may be unable to give full consideration to an application submitted without such consent. DOE reserves the right to support, or not to support all or any part of any application.

B. Application Preparation Costs

DOE is under no obligation, and will not pay, for any costs associated with preparation or submission of applications.

C. Cost Preparation Instructions

Cost Application - (It is critical that applicants provide information to support proposed costs to the level of detail described below. Lack of detail can delay awards by several weeks and even put award at risk.) The cost application should contain full details of the costs regarding the labor, overhead, material, travel, subcontracts, consultants, and other support costs broken down by task. The cost proposal should have sufficient detail that an independent evaluation of the labor, materials, equipment, and other costs as well as a verification of the proposed cost share can be performed. Every cost item should be justifiable and further details of the costs may be required if the application is selected for the award. It is essential that requested details be submitted in a timely manner for the actual award.

Personnel (Labor) – Break down total personnel cost by categories or individuals, hours and rate for each. Totals of this breakdown should add to the total proposed amount for direct labor. Proposed personnel rates must tie into current payroll records. The offeror should advise if they have been audited by an outside government audit agency, (i.e. DCAA) and if the labor rates are verifiable by this agency. The names, addresses, telephone number and point of contact for this agency should be provided. If the rates have not been audited then the offeror should provide documentation to establish the validity of the proposed labor rates. This documentation may include salary schedules for the appropriate pay categories payroll extracts, or offers to potential employees showing starting salary rates.

Indirect rates (i.e. fringe benefits, overhead, G&A, cost of money) – The offeror should advise if they have been audited by an outside government audit agency (i.e. DCAA). If they have been audited, then the offeror should provide a copy of the most recent indirect rate agreement or state that the rates are verifiable by this audit agency. If the rates have not been audited, then the offeror should provide documentation to establish the validity of the proposed indirect rates. This documentation should include a listing of

the indirect expenses and the allocation base for each rate. This information shows how each rate was calculated.

Travel - The offeror should provide a copy or an explanation of their travel policy. The destination and purpose of budgeted travel and its relation to the alternative fuel infrastructure project should be specified. Other supporting documentation includes: 1) explanations of why the proposed travel is necessary; 2) breakdown number of proposed trips by origin and destination, number of people traveling, length of stay for each trip and the rates for airfare, per diem, lodging, and car rental costs if applicable.

Equipment, Materials, Other Direct Costs – The offeror should provide an explanation why the proposed equipment, supplies, and/or other direct costs are necessary for the project. Items of needed equipment should be individually listed by description and estimated cost, inclusive of tax, and adequately justified. Other supporting documentation includes: 1) an itemization by quantities and rates for each type of equipment, supplies, and/or other direct costs required; 2) the basis for the estimate of these costs (i.e. vendor quotes, price lists, purchase order, historical costs, engineering estimates).

Real Property and Equipment— No real property is provided nor may be purchased with Federal (DOE) cost share funds under this award. Further DOE cost share shall not be proposed for funding items of equipment. The cost proposal shall clearly show real property and items of equipment as funded by the non-federal cost share.

Consultants – Identify name of consultant, hours and rate for each, and historical documentation of the rates. Anticipated consultant services should be justified and information furnished on each individual's expertise, primary organizational affiliation, daily compensation rate and number of days of expected service. Consultant's travel costs should be listed separately under travel in the budget.

Subcontract – The offeror should provide 1) a listing of the proposed subawards or subcontracts by name and applicable amount; and 2) an explanation why each of the proposed subcontractors is necessary for the project. Proposed subawards or subcontracts in excess of \$2,500 require the same degree of cost detail as included in the offeror's proposal.

Cost Share – Inadequately supported cost share is a major cause of award delays. Identify the costs or percentage of costs that will be cost shared. Cost share must be allowable and verifiable. The same detailed information is needed for cost share amounts as for DOE-funded amounts. Cost share commitment must be specific and documented, particularly if cost share is provided by a source outside the prime applicant's organization. Other federal funds may not be used for cost sharing. Specify whether cost share will be in cash, labor, or "in-kind."

D. Partial Awards

DOE reserves the right to support, or not to support, all, or any part of any application. Unsuccessful applications will not be returned. Unsuccessful applicants may request a debriefing from the Merit Review Chairman.

E. Proprietary Application Information

Applications submitted in response to this solicitation may contain trade secrets and/or privileged or confidential commercial or financial information, which the applicant does not want, used or disclosed for any purpose other than evaluation of the application. The use and disclosure of such data may be restricted, provided the applicant marks the cover sheet of the application with the following legend and specifies the pages of the application which are to be restricted in accordance with the conditions of the legend:

"The data contained in pages____ of this application have been submitted in confidence and contain trade secrets or proprietary information, and such data shall be used or disclosed only for evaluation purposes, provided that if this applicant receives an award as a result of or in connection with the submission of this application, DOE shall have the right to use or disclose the data herein to the extent provided in the award. This restriction does not limit the government's right to use or disclose data obtained without restriction from any source, including the applicant."

Further, to protect such data, each page containing such data must be specifically identified and marked, including each line or paragraph containing the data to be protected with a legend similar to the following:

"Use or disclosure of the data set forth above is subject to the restriction on the cover page of this application."

It should be noted, however, that data bearing the aforementioned legend may be subject to release under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), if DOE or a court determines that the material so marked is not exempt under the FOIA. The Government assumes no liability for disclosure or use of unmarked data and may use or disclose such data for any purpose. Applicants are hereby notified that DOE intends to make all applications submitted available to non-Government personnel for the sole purpose of assisting the DOE in its evaluation of the applications. These individuals will be required to protect the confidentiality of any specifically identified information obtained as a result of their participation in the evaluation.

Section V: Notices to Applicants

A. False Statements

Applications must set forth full, accurate, and complete information as required by this solicitation. The penalty for making false statements is prescribed in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

B. Application Clarification

DOE reserves the right to require applications to be clarified or supplemented to the extent considered necessary either through additional written submissions or oral presentations.

C. Amendments

Any amendments to this solicitation will be posted on the DOE-ID PSD current solicitations Website. Only the Contracting Officer may amend this solicitation. Any data, information or instructions coming from any other source are not official.

D. Applicant's Past Performance

DOE reserves the right to solicit from available sources relevant information concerning an applicant's past performance and may consider such information in its evaluation.

E. Commitment of Public Funds

The Contracting Officer is the only individual who can legally commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds in connection with the proposed award. Any other commitment, either explicit or implied, is invalid.

F. Effective Period of Application

All applications should remain in effect for at least 180 days from the application due date.

G. Availability of Funds

The actual amount of funds to be obligated in each fiscal year will be subject to availability of funds appropriated by Congress. DOE reserves the right to fund in whole or in part, any, all or none of the applications submitted in response to this solicitation.

H. Assurances and Certifications

DOE requires the submission of pre-award assurances of compliance and certifications, which are mandated by law or regulations. These submissions shall be completed and provided when requested by the contract specialist.

I. Pre-award Costs

The Government is not liable for any costs incurred in preparation of an application. Awardees may incur pre-award costs up to ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of award. Specific, written authorization from the Contracting Officer is required before pre-award costs are incurred if the authorization is needed for more than 90 calendar days or if the project is a non-research project. Should the awardee take such action, it is done at the awardee's risk and does not impose any obligation on the DOE to issue an award (10 CFR.125). Pre-award cost authorizations will not be made retroactively.

J. Patents, Data, and Copyrights

Applicants are advised that patents, data, and copyrights will be treated in accordance with 10 CFR 600.27. 10 CFR 600 may be accessed through the "Procurement Links" menu selection at this site.

L. Environmental Impact

DOE requires the submission of an applicant environmental checklist before award. Award will not be made until any and all environmental requirements are completed. This submission shall be completed when requested.

M. DOE Minority Economic Impact Loan

DOE Minority Economic Impact loans are not available for this solicitation.

N. Buy American Act

NOTICE REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS – SENSE OF CONGRESS

It is the sense of the Congress that, to the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products purchased with funds made available under this award shall be American-made.

O. Simpson-Craig Amendment:

Applicant organizations, which are described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and engage in lobbying activities after December 31, 1995, will not be eligible for the receipt of federal funds constituting an award, grant, or loan.

P. Lobbying Restriction

The contractor or awardee agrees that none of the funds obligated in this award will be expended, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action or any legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress, other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. 1913. This restriction is in addition to those prescribed elsewhere in statute and regulation.

Q. EPACT

Applicants shall be required to comply with Section 2306 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPACT) [42 U.S.C. 13525], in the event EPACT applies to financial assistance instruments issued as a result of this solicitation. A copy of Section 2306 will be included in the DOE Application Instruction package.

R. Statutory Authority

The statutory authority for this program is the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-486 as amended by Public Law 103-437 on November 2, 1994).

Q. Sample Terms and Conditions

Sample terms and conditions for Financial Assistance Awards may be found at this site. The specific terms and conditions will be tailored for each specific award.

Section VI: Supplemental Documentation

A. Who Must Submit Supplemental Documentation

If an applicant is selected for an award under this solicitation, the applicant **MUST** furnish the supplemental documentation identified in this section. All of the supplemental documentation must be furnished within 30 calendar days after the applicant receives notification of selection for negotiations and award. Failure to furnish the supplemental documentation will result in delays or may negate the selection.

Supplemental documentation will include pre-award certifications, cost information, benefits analysis data and an environmental checklist.

URL ADDRESSES FOR DOCUMENTS & FORMS REFERENCED IN THIS SOLICITATION

1. Alternative fuels listed in the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-486) section 301 - <http://ev.inel.gov/sop/>.

2. DOE-ID PSD Current Solicitations Website – <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/psd/proc-div.html> – Click on “Current Solicitations and Sources Sought,” located on the left-hand side of the screen.
3. Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance – <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/psd/proc-div.html> – Click on “Federal Assistance Application and Administration Forms”, located on the left-hand side of the screen, and then scroll down.
4. Sample Terms and Conditions Applicable to Awards – <http://www.id.doe.gov/doeid/psd/proc-div.html> – Click on “Federal Assistance Application and Administration Forms”, located on the left-hand side of the screen, and then scroll down.
5. 10 CFR 600, Assistance Regulations – <http://www.pr.doe.gov.f600toc.html>
6. Financial Assistance Letter 96-02 – <http://www.pr.doe.gov/fals.html>
7. Buy American Act (41 U.S.C. 10a – 10c)
<http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/41/ch1.html>

(End of solicitation)